

Composting leaves and grass clippings

The leaves on your lawn can be a valuable resource or a source of water pollution. Mulched leaves and grass clippings can add valuable nutrient and organic matter to your lawn and to compost.



However, if yard waste is dumped near waterbodies, it can smother natural vegetation and contribute to stream algae and odors.

Manchester home and business owners can help keep our waterbodies clean. Here are some easy practices for dealing with yard waste that is safer for the environment.

- Never dispose of leaves or clippings in or near storm drains, drainage channels, wetlands, or waterbodies
- Put yard waste at the curb: collection is every week in early spring and late fall and every other week in between
- Drop off your yard waste at the City of Manchester Drop Off Facility at 500 Dunbarton Road for composting
- Yard waste can be picked-up by composting vendors—check for rules and requirements
- Start backyard composting
- Remove the bag from your lawn mower or use a mulching lawn mower

Composting diverts waste from the landfill

- Food scraps makes up nearly 25% of our waste
- The average American produces 4.4 pounds of waste every day



PROSPECTIVE VENDORS

- **Renewal Compost**
(A local company)
renewalcompost.com
603-362-2185
- **Black Earth Compost**
blackearthcompost.com
978-290-4610
- **Bootstrap Compost**
bootstrapcompost.com
617-642-1979

For more information on waste management, composting, and recycling visit us at manchesternh.gov/solidwaste

City of Manchester Composting

Reduce Waste!

Join the composting, source reduction, and recycling initiatives today



Important information from:
City of Manchester
Department of Public Works
475 Valley Street
Manchester, NH 03103
603-624-6444

Composting in four easy steps



One

Register with one of our preferred vendors
(a fee is charged)

Two

Receive a bucket at your doorstep

Three

Fill your bucket with acceptable items

Four

Your bucket will get picked up and its contents will be composted

Acceptable items



- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Meat & bones
- Grains
- Pasta
- Sauce
- Paper coffee filters
- Coffee grounds
- Paper tea bags
- Eggs
- Eggshells
- Dairy products
- Tea bags
- Paper towels
- Plate scraps
- Yard waste trimmings

NOTE:
Acceptable items are different for each vendor

Non-acceptable items

- No compostable or biodegradable plastic products
- No waxed cardboard
- No produce stickers
- No plastic
- No styrofoam
- No to-go wear
- No glass
- No metal
- No rubber
- No pet waste or cat litter
- No diapers or baby wipes
- No dryer lint

More ways to reduce waste



- Use your own bags when shopping
- Choose reusable products
- Buy less
- Buy in bulk
- Choose products with minimal packaging
- Avoid plastic water bottles
- Maintain and repair existing products
- Recycle
- Cook more and take-out less
- Keep food fresh
- Love leftovers
- Properly manage yard and pet waste